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PROBING CHARGE OF WHOLESALE FAIR GAMBLING

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 17.—The special grand jury called by William B. Uts, judge of the criminal court, today began its investigations of the charges against William Kueker, sheriff of Buchanan county, Lewis F. Randolph, assistant prosecuting attorney, the directors of the St. Joseph Fall Festival association, and a number of other lesser county officials who are said to have been involved in a wholesale gambling and bribery campaign during the fall races at Lake Contrary, near this city.

The charge made to the grand jury by Judge Uts were that during the fall festival, open gambling flourished, craps and roulette being played by minors as well as others; bribery was rampant after orders were issued by the court to stop the games and that within 30 minutes after the order was issued, Sheriff Kueker and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Randolph told the operator "to go ahead," alleging that money changed hands indirectly so that it fell into the sheriff's and assistant prosecuting attorney's possession; that the fall festival directors accepted money from certain well known gamblers in St. Joseph for the "gambling concession"; that Sheriff Kueker was the alleged agent to whom the directors of the fair paid the gambling concession money and he in turn, "distributed" it where it would do the most good.

The special grand jury was summoned to court by Coroner Gray as the court would not allow any member of the sheriff's or prosecuting attorney's office to assist in the summoning of the jurors. Prosecuting Attorney Perry Brubaker issued a statement to the public Wednesday October 12 calling upon all the citizens of Buchanan county to appear before the grand jury and tell all they knew about the matter.

Judge Uts in a statement to the grand jury said that he wanted no "whitewash", no matter whom the person was who fell into disrepute; that the assistant prosecuting attorney could not assist in either the defense or submission of evidence as he was under suspicion; that the sheriff and his deputies were relieved of all duties in connection with the matter as the coroner and his deputies would take their places and attend to the jury, ending his charge with the statement:

"There must be no whitewashing," the court said. "I know of no aristocracy exemptions, or political, commercial or social standing that a person or combination of persons can acquire or attain, that will permit them to violate the law and escape the consequences of their acts, and so far as I can ascertain from study or a general knowledge of the law, the statutes in reference to gambling and bribery apply to directors of the fair association and county officers with the same force and effect that they do to the blackleg gambler plying his vocation in a dark room with barred doors, in a red-light district of the city.

"If there is one crime above all others in the category of crimes that strikes at the very life and existence of organized society it is that of bribery and attempt at bribery." Judge Uts told the grand jury, "and all the more emphatically is that the case when involving officers of the courts."

It is said in political circles that the present investigation is purely political and is an outcropping of the old split in the Republican ranks in Buchanan county prior to the general election in 1920, when John Albus, leader of the "cotton sock" faction, put over his political campaign for selection as state committeeman of the fourth congressional district to both state and national Republican conventions.

Many a man has died without a struggle who found it impossible to live that way.

Incinerators in Barns and Sheds Are Prohibited

Fire Chief Ambrose today found trash and other inflammable material being burned in an incinerator which was inside a barn on the corner of Fifth and Pine streets. The fire chief cautioned the owner of the premises not to continue the practice as it was dangerous to the immediate neighborhood, and incidentally learned that a number of other people in the city have adopted the plan of installing incinerators in barns and outhouses. The practice must stop in the interest of safety, Chief Ambrose says.

Local Woman Dies Suddenly; Seeking Husband

Mrs. Charles Jensen, wife of the blacksmith for the United States Reclamation Service, died this morning at 2 o'clock at her home, 1129 High street. The cause of her death will be established by a post mortem examination. She was taken ill Saturday morning with a bilious attack.

Mrs. Jensen was a believer in Christian science and no physician was in attendance. It was not believed that her illness was serious until toward the end, when Dr. Wright was called. He arrived after death had occurred.

Mr. Jensen left last week-end for a deer hunting trip to Barnes Valley. Messengers sent to inform him of his wife's death had not reached him this afternoon. A telephone message said that he had moved from his original stopping place.

A post mortem examination was made this afternoon by Dr. Wright who pronounced death due to heart disease and intestinal trouble.

Smith Residence Destroyed by Fire

Defective electric wiring is the alleged cause of approximately \$3,000 fire damage to the residence of E. E. Smith on Lookout street yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. The insurance amounted to \$1,650. Owing to a defective fire plug at the corner of Fulton and Oregon avenues, the fire department was compelled to string over 1,000 feet of hose from the plug at the corner of Oregon and Upham. The building was a complete loss.

KLAMATH FALLS HEARS DENVER RADIO CONCERT

Professor J. B. Rees of the county high school, in his experiments with the wireless telephone, seems to be extending the radius of his activities. Last night, his waves caught the announcement of the Reynolds Radio company of 619 Nineteenth street, Denver, Colorado, was made that a concert would be given and the words, the professor said, were as plainly enunciated as though the speaker were in the same room. Two selections, "The Three O'Clock in the Morning, waltz, and Fandango Waltz" were then played. At the close Professor Rees announced to Denver that the music was well appreciated in Klamath Falls.

In previous experiments, Professor Rees has heard the conversations held between Avalon, Catalina Island, California, and people in Los Angeles, the three nights a week concert at the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco, and music from Los Altos, California, about 40 miles south of San Francisco.

In setting the Telegraphic range, signals are heard that come from as far distant as Honolulu, T. H., but are not decipherable. There are so many codes in use that it takes a skilled operator to decode them. The International, Morse and commercial codes vary, the professor says. The exact range of the local wireless telephone and telegraph outfit has never been tested to its full capacity yet, Professor Rees said.

Local Football Players Lose At Ashland, 27 to 7

Klamath Falls high school football team was apparently no match for the Ashland pigskin warriors Saturday afternoon, for when the dust rolled away from the scoreboard, Ashland had 27 scores while Klamath tallied but 7. The game was played on a sandy loam field where the heavy line work played havoc with the local players. Milan scored the only touchdown for the locals in first quarter. The games now stand one to one.

Don't think that a man looks the right way every time his head is turned.

STRIVING HARD FOR PREVENTION OF RAIL STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Official Washington is watching today for the effect on railway executives and labor leaders of the proposal of the public group of the Railway Labor Board to prevent a general railway strike.

The board proposed:
1.—That railroads put immediately into effect freight rate reductions equivalent to the wage reductions authorized last July;
2.—That requests for further wage decreases be withdrawn;
3.—That employees withdraw the strike order pending action of the board upon any request for further wage reductions which carriers may file.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Proposal of the public group of the Railroad Labor Board to raise freight rates to prevent a strike is not feasible, Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, said today. He declared that "By the time the reduction got to the consumer it would not amount to one-half of one per cent. The middleman would absorb all the difference."

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—While the heads of the Big Four Brotherhoods and Switchmen's Union prepared to meet in Cleveland tomorrow to complete rail strike plans, leaders of some of the eleven other railroad labor organizations still were opposing a walkout on October 30, and will attempt to keep their men from striking. The Big Five includes only four hundred thousand of the country's two million railroad employees.

Reporter Failed to Give Proper Credit

The Herald Saturday omitted to give credit to the Red Cross for its share in supporting the county nurse, since the work has been under way in Klamath county. Up to July 1, the Red Cross co-operated with the state Tuberculosis association by furnishing the nurse's car and paying for its operation. Since that date the Red Cross has supported the work entirely.

Two Bound Over To Grand Jury On Gambling Charges

George Snider and James Davis were arraigned in Justice Gaghan's court this forenoon upon an alleged charge of conducting gambling games, a warrant charging them with this crime being sworn to by Sheriff Low today. Snider, the alleged game-keeper, was released upon a cash bail of \$350 and Davis upon \$150 cash bail, both men waiving hearing and being bound over to the grand jury.

George Boyle, charged with frequenting gambling houses was released temporarily from custody upon a strict promise that he would go to work immediately and stay at it. Sheriff Low notified him that if he failed to work, the gambling charge would be pressed.

Sheriff Low in court today stated that he would raid every place where gambling was alleged to be going on and that any offender caught need not expect mercy.

NOTED JURIST'S LONG RECORD OF SERVICE ENDED

Henry L. Benson, former circuit judge of Klamath county and for the past six years justice of the supreme court of Oregon, died Saturday at midnight at his home in Salem, according to a message received yesterday by Mrs. C. F. Stone. Judge Benson has been in ill health for some time and for the past year his condition had grown steadily worse. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at Salem and burial will take place there.

Judge Benson was born in Stockton, California, July 6, 1854, his father, the Rev. Henry L. Benson, having come to California as a missionary of the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Benson was one of the leading figures in the early development of California, and, to a lesser extent, of Oregon. He was one of the leaders of the movement for the admission of California as a free state and stood firm in a period of much factional bitterness and no little bodily danger. Judge Benson's mother was a grand-daughter of the Earl of Warwick. Both parents lived to a ripe old age, the father dying in San Jose, California, in 1897, at the age of 83. His wife died four years later at San Jose, aged 80 years. Judge Benson was one of a family of 13 children.

After graduating from Stanford University, Judge Benson studied law with Judge Herrington in San Jose and was admitted to practice in 1878. In 1880 he moved to Roseburg, Oregon, where he taught for a couple of years in a private academy. In 1886 he moved to Grants Pass and in 1892 was elected district attorney for the district comprised of Klamath, Lake, Jackson and Josephine counties. In 1896 he was elected to the legislature and became speaker of the house. Two years later he was elected as one of the two circuit judges for the same district and immediately afterward became a resident of Klamath Falls.

Judge Benson's career on the local bench was marked by uprightness that was part of his character and few of his decisions were reversed. With an interim of a couple of years, during which he resigned and the bench was occupied by the late Judge Nolan, he held the office until 1914, when he was appointed to the supreme bench.

The older families in Klamath county will mourn the passing of the state jurist with the sorrow of close friendship, while later comers will regret the close of a career of useful service to the state in which all Klamath citizens took pride.

Judge Benson is survived by a widow and the following children: Rea W., of Portland; Arthur E., clerk of the supreme court, Salem; Harry G., of Pendleton; Mrs. Gail E. Briggs, of Hollister, California, and Mrs. Louise R. Robertson, of Salem. One son, Clark, is dead. A grandson,

TO CHOOSE NEW COUNCILMAN IN THE FIRST WARD

An amendment to the charter will be made tonight at the meeting of the council to provide for inclusion of a special section which will authorize the election of a new councilman from the First Ward to replace Paul Bogardus who is now a resident of Medford.

The amendment was drawn up Saturday for presentation to the council tonight in view of the fact that the seat of Paul Bogardus has automatically become vacant by his reported absence from the meetings without leave. Unofficially, it has come to the attention of the council that Mr. Bogardus was not coming back to this city but his official resignation has never been turned in to the council.

Police Judge Leavitt, realizing that a successor would have to be chosen for Bogardus, informally suggested to the Mayor that at the same time when the refunding bond election was on, a special election could be held in the first ward and save additional expense to the city. The suggestion was acted upon and tonight the amendment will be introduced at the council.

Political gossip advance the query: Will Bogardus' successor be pro or anti-administration? Which side will be the one to select the new member? Are the Wiley forces strong enough to offset the anti-administration efforts? It is said that Mayor Wiley carried the first ward by a nice majority when the election took place last fall. Will this election rally to the administration and put over a man who will break the consistent deadlock which has hampered the mayor in all his efforts to secure a police department and put other measures through?

Will the first ward citizens be "buttonholed" by the class of politicians who say, "I told you so," or will the people who really want to see the city of Klamath Falls advance put out a strong clear thinking man who will act for the city's best interests?

Will Remedy Sidewalks
The sidewalk situation is a matter that the council members say will be investigated. Much complaint has been made to the police department and mayor about boards flying up and cracking the shins of pedestrians. In snow time, one complainant said, the city and property owners will come in for a heavy damage suit should some one be hurt by imperfect sidewalks.

Former Resident Dead in Calif.

T. H. Jolly, former resident of Klamath, died yesterday at Jackson, Amador county, California, according to a message received by C. C. Randolph, 16 Main street. Mr. Jolly resided for about five years at Crescent, where he conducted a newspaper while proving up on a homestead. For two years he was a resident of this city and foreman of the Klamath Weekly Record.

Mr. Jolly had spent most of the time in California during the present year. About two months ago he was here and returned to California, accompanied by his mother, to visit a brother in Amador county. He was employed on a paper at Jackson at the time of his death. No details as to cause were given.

ADDED POPULATION
Mr. and Mrs. Gus G. Johnson of 435 Pacific Terrace are receiving congratulations on the birth of an 8 1/2 pound baby girl, born Sunday afternoon. Dr. George I. Wright who was in attendance reports both mother and baby to be doing well.

LAW STOPS BOUT
WICHITA, Oct. 17.—Mike Gibbons, Mike O'Dowd, and all others connected with the Gibbons-O'Dowd match Tuesday night were arrested on a charge of violating the state law which forbids boxing.
Cyril, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rea Benson, lives in Klamath Falls.

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